

May 22, 2000

Regulatory Branch

SUBJECT: Department of the Army Application Nos. 97-320-0003(2), 1999-00640, 199701186

Richard Hall  
Columbia Gas Transmission Corporation  
P.O. Box 2002  
Binghamton, New York 13902

Dear Mr. Hall:

Enclosed are letters received in response to the public notice describing your proposal to construct a natural gas pipeline. The pipeline would extend from Canada across Lake Erie and southern New York to Mount Vernon, New York.

Please respond in writing to the issues raised in the letters from the following agencies:

- 1) New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation dated March 29, 2000
- 2) U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service dated April 28, 2000
- 3) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency dated March 30, 2000
- 4) National Marine Fisheries Service dated May 2, 2000
- 5) New York State Department of Environmental Conservation dated April 3, 2000
- 6) The City of New York Department of Environmental Protection dated March 17, 2000
- 7) State of New York Department of Agriculture and Markets dated March 15, 2000
- 8) National Park Service dated March 28, 2000

In addition, please respond in writing to the issues raised in the letters from the following individuals, organizations and/or companies:

- 1) Christopher S. Murphy dated March 3, 2000
- 2) Donald E. Lewis dated March 27, 2000
- 3) Dale Davis dated April 3, 2000
- 4) Lanie and Cheri Stady dated March 28, 2000
- 5) IIdiko Mitchell dated April 1, 2000
- 6) Susanna Roemmelt Saitto dated March 11, 2000
- 7) Alice Supa dated March 17, 2000
- 8) Fred Purello for the Watch Hill Homeowners Association

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dated April 7, 2000

- 9) South County Water Corps dated March 24, 2000
- 10) Richard Botshon for the Walkill River Task Force dated April 5, 2000
- 11) Couch White for Southern Energy New York dated May 4, 2000
- 12) M. Smeltzer-Stevenot dated March 11, 2000
- 13) National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation dated March 31, 2000
- 14) Paul Parks dated March 27, 2000
- 15) Peter and Alice Supa and Randy and Cathy Lewis dated March 23, 2000

Your response to this office is requested within 30 days. If you do not respond, I will assume that you are in agreement with the issues raised and will make my decision on your application based on the information contained in the administrative record.

The following letters are enclosed for your information only. A response to these letters to both the Corps and the commentor is optional.

- 1) Lucile Baldwin dated March 13, 2000
- 2) E.J. Bysiek dated March 10, 2000
- 3) Dave Bourne dated March 17, 2000
- 4) Lyle R. Slingerland dated March 9, 2000
- 5) Lucille Keib dated March 8, 2000
- 6) Tom Bradley dated March 7, 2000
- 7) George Ayer dated March 29, 2000
- 8) Karl Kohler and Patricia Wolf dated March 16, 2000
- 9) Beth Westfall for Mark and Carolyn Ditewig dated April 3, 2000
- 10) Bruce Becker dated April 10, 2000
- 11) Jack Klossner dated April 12, 2000
- 12) Robert J. McMahon dated March 16, 2000
- 13) Matthew and Debra Anne Comas dated March 9, 2000
- 14) Christopher Skurka dated March 10, 2000
- 15) David and Edith Blake dated March 5, 2000
- 16) Hakiman Organization dated April 3, 2000
- 17) Jean Dickinson dated March 14, 2000
- 18) D. Gordon received April 14, 2000
- 19) Judith Sandler dated April 20, 2000
- 20) Lynette Tudorache dated April 4, 2000
- 21) Brian Fink dated April 4, 2000
- 22) Claudia Schellenberg dated April 3, 2000
- 23) Tullia Limarzi dated April 3, 2000
- 24) Laurence T. Beahan dated April 3, 2000

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25) Harold Cohen dated April 3, 2000

A copy of this letter has been forwarded to: Ms. Jennifer Kerrigan, Ms. Heidi Firstencel and Mr. Scott Hans.

Questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to me at (315) 255-8090, by writing to the following address:  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 7413 County House Road, Auburn,  
New York 13021, or by e-mail at:

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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CF:

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